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WASHINGTON, March 18, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 13 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 12.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 174.9 billion ton-miles, 11.6 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 13 totaled 390,485 cars, 12.7 percent below 1981, and 1.9 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.1 percent in the East, 10.3 percent in the South, and 11.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 20 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal was the only commodity to show a modest gain. Twelve of the 21 groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 6 totaled 37,236 cars, up 9.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 63,121 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first ten weeks of the year was 334,978 cars, 7.8 percent higher than last year, and 592,790 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/13/82:

	Loadings in Week ended March 13, 1982			Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,696	D		110	0.4	D	1,238	4.4
Other farm products	3,781	D		66	1.7	D	823	17.9
Metallic ores	16,592	D		12,552	43.1	D	1,311	7.3
Coal	121,355	I		740	0.6	D	3,493	2.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,342	D		3,683	28.3	I	469	5.3
Nonmetallic minerals	11,540	D		1,822	13.6	I	689	6.3
Grain mill products	12,672	D		2,720	17.7	D	695	5.2
Food and kindred products	14,125	D		1,628	10.3	D	89	0.6
Primary forest products	17,027	D		2,657	13.5	I	46	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,618	D		2,919	34.2	D	194	3.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,005	D		3,074	15.3	D	791	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	24,202	D		4,751	16.4	D	1,522	5.9
Petroleum products	4,605	D		692	13.1	I	43	0.9
Stone, clay and glass products	10,551	D		4,127	28.1	I	405	4.0
Coke	5,339	D		1,209	18.5	I	30	0.6
Metals and products	10,987	D		5,558	33.6	D	688	5.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,635	D		2,874	15.5	I	1,171	8.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,528	D		4,927	34.1	I	155	1.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,507	D		963	9.2	D	356	3.6
All other carloads	44,188	D		968	2.1	I	747	1.7
LCL traffic	190	D		90	32.1	D	6	3.1
Total Cars Loaded	390,485	D		56,650	12.7	D	7,451	1.9
Corresponding week of 1981	447,135							

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,044,997	4,702,763	D 14.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
10 Weeks cumulative	158.2	178.8	D 11.5
Week ended March 13	16.7	19.0	D 12.2
11 Weeks cumulative	174.9	197.8	D 11.6